

## Case against removing the posted trees on Taylor Rd

The trees are among the largest in the area and provide significant beauty, animal habitat, shade, and water control over the adjacent swamp.

The trees (tree1 and tree2) are by no means the closet objects to the traveled lanes of Taylor Rd. In an informal survey one Sunday I counted the following:

Thirteen large objects closer to the traveled surface than tree1 including eight telephone poles, three sections of stone wall, two other trees, and a guard rail fence.

There are an additional seven large objects closer than tree2 but the same or further than tree1. These are seven telephone poles.

So the question is if the motive is auto safety why are we not starting by moving back this baker's dozen of closer objects, most of which will have much less negative impact to the area, than two trees that will take 20+ years to replace.

And if our goal is safety there are a number of other measures such as speedbumps, or even closing off the crossing at the end of Taylor much as was done at Hosmer.

points against tree removal:

street has two boomerangs one at the first intersection before school, second, at the first school driveway. This speeds up the water flow into the school zone and as it turns to 89 Taylor Road area.

in front of both play swings are deep, wide puddles. in front of the larger swing set is a sitting swamp, and the kindergarten swing wet area a "mini-lake"

the road to the soccer field is not passable a lot of the time and usu. thick mud.

nb. no swimming pools are allowed in the area.

after the 2013 winter outage storm, the 89 Taylor road property lost three of its largest and oldest trees closer to the street side. This we believe was due to the ten year battle lost by the town to the builder adjacent to the residents, in leveling the property. No trees behind our house resulting in major drainage in the swamp area.

There is already a major mosquito problem. We abate the problem having installed a 50 room bat conservation committee approved bat house.

\*\*\*Taking two of the largest trees the water will level off higher in the swamp and eventually kill many of the remaining young trees.

This site pools water. It is in front of a sewer drain which I personally shovel off two inches of debris after every storm.

Remedies:

paint bottom half of the trees white (they do this at resorts and it looks great

put small white bulbs over entire tree (also done at resorts)

put in a much needed bump in the road for slowing traffic

put in permanent go slow speed indicator

put up a metal guide rail fence as you do over the Cole stream at the bottom of Taylor'.

the idea is to encourage people to obey the speed zone.